

LUVOIR Telescope Design Overview:

Presented to the LUVOIR STDT

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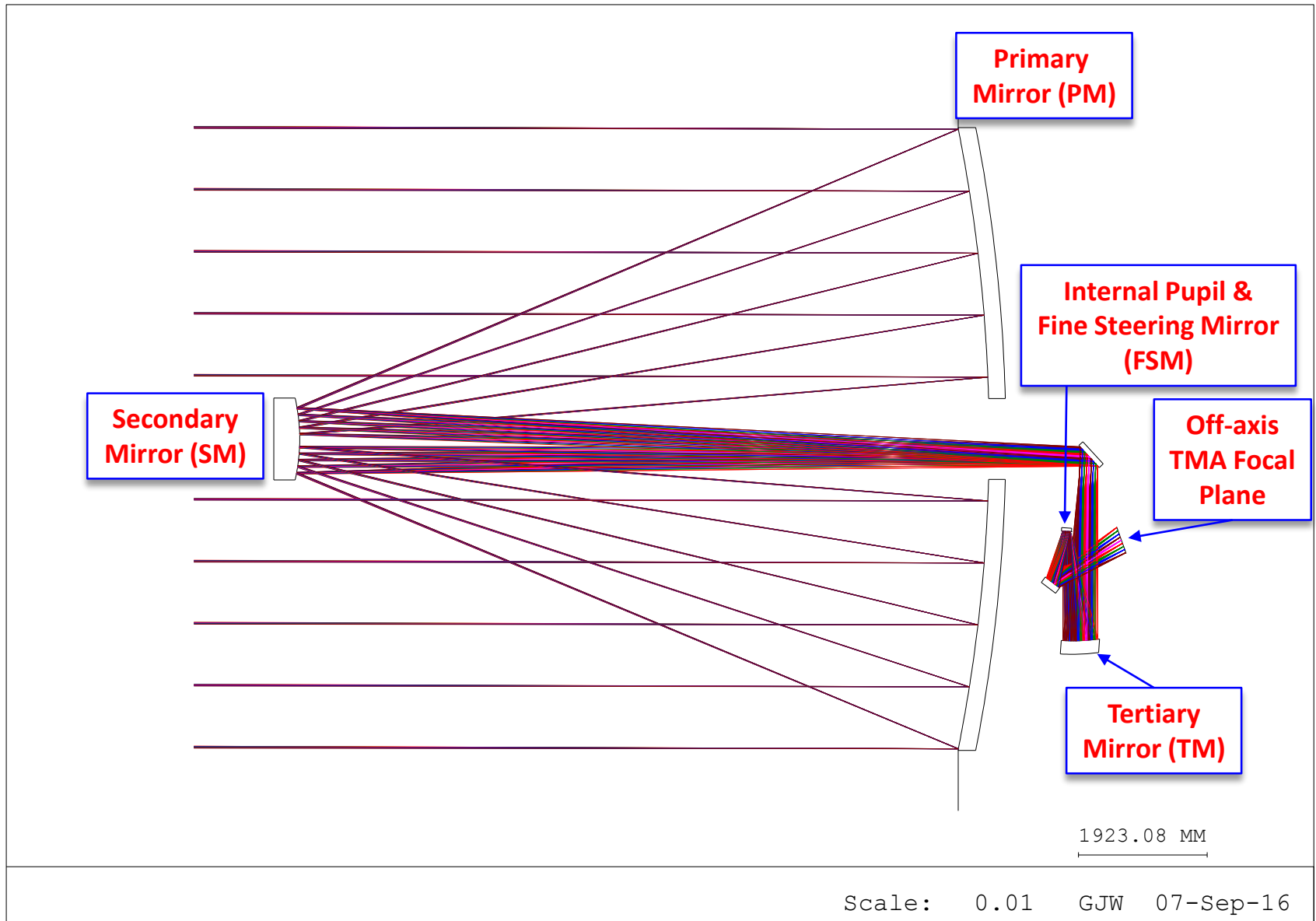
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Objectives

- Review a few telescope designs
 - Three-mirror anastigmat (single focal plane) – TMA-SF
 - Three-mirror anastigmat (dual focal plane) – TMA-DF
 - Ritchey-Chretien - RC
- On-axis vs. off-axis designs
- Describe strengths and weaknesses of each
- Relate design considerations to LUVVOIR priorities
 - Instrument accommodations
 - Packaging for launch vehicle
 - Polarization

Three-mirror Anastigmat - Single Focal Plane (TMA-SF)



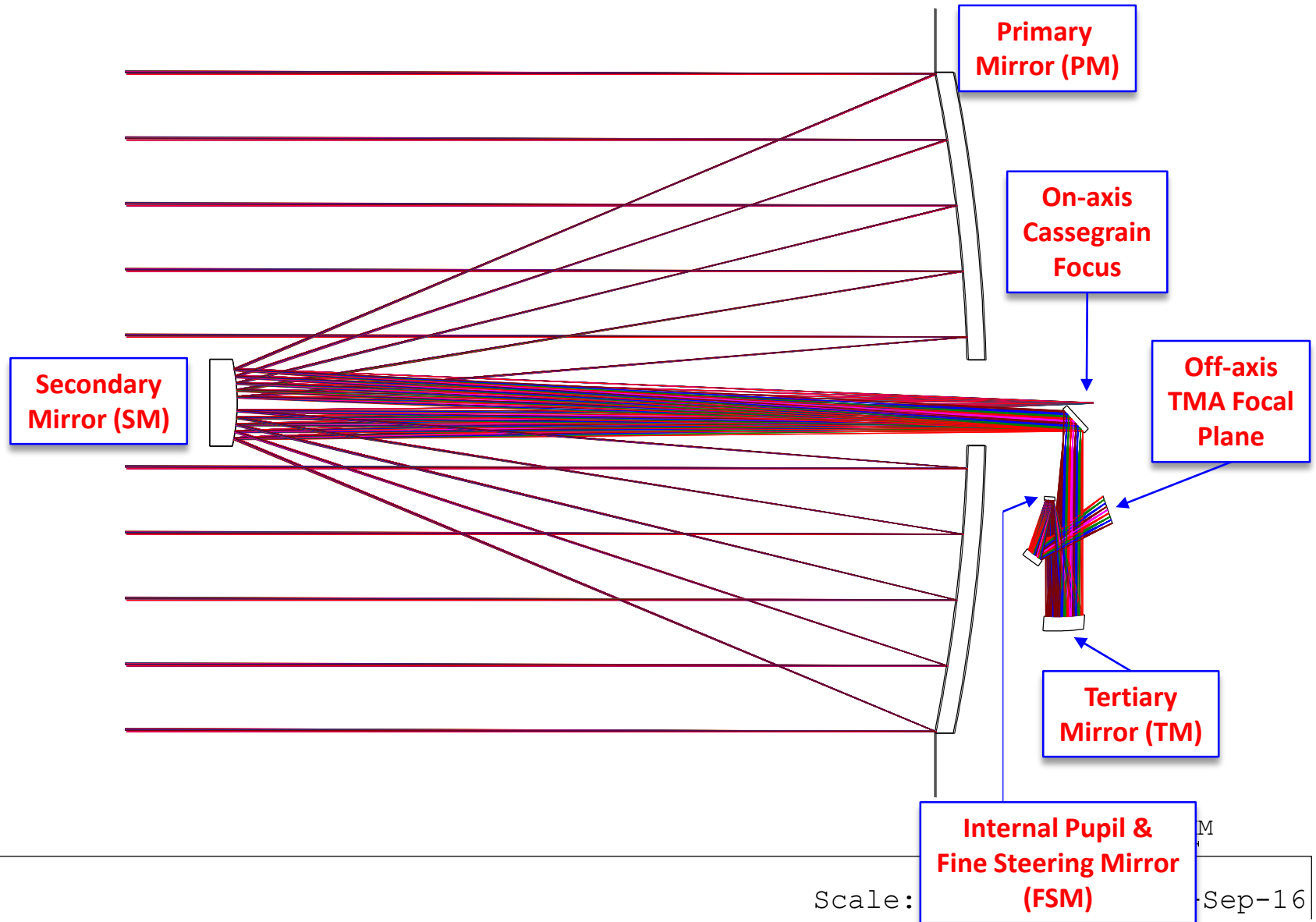
TMA-SF Advantages

- Three mirrors simultaneously correct spherical, coma, and astigmatism aberrations
 - Enables diffraction-limited performance over very wide fields-of-view ($> 8 \times 8$ arcmin)
- Access to an internal pupil allows for additional aberration correction:
 - Pointing control with a fine-steering mirror (FSM)
 - Fixed pupil plate corrector
 - Active control with a deformable mirror (DM)
- Heritage: JWST

TMA-SF Disadvantages

- At least four reflections before entering instruments
 - More are likely in order to fold beam for packaging
 - Lower throughput for sensitive instruments in UV & coronagraph
- Complex aft-optical system (AOS)
 - Complicates system alignment
 - Could present difficulty for instrument packaging behind telescope
- JWST experience indicates stray-light can be difficult to baffle

Three-mirror Anastigmat - Dual Focal Plane (TMA-DF)



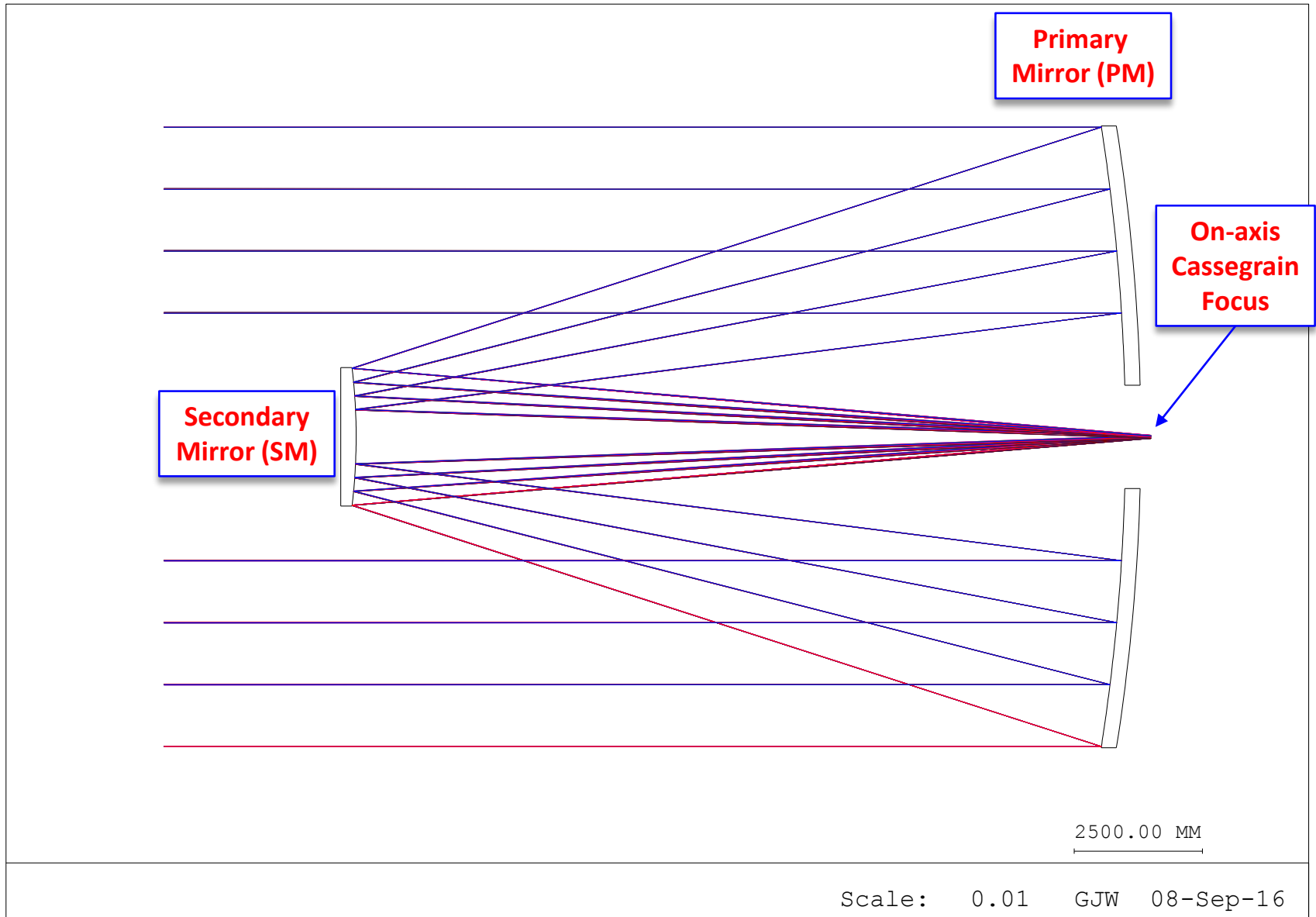
TMA-DF Advantages

- Narrow FOV on-axis Cassegrain focus
 - Aluminum coating
 - Only 2 reflections for high-throughput (UV & coronagraph) instruments
- Wide FOV off-axis TMA focus
 - Well-corrected wide-FOV instruments
 - Silver coating on TM, FSM, etc. for optimized Vis/NIR performance
- Access to an internal pupil in TMA chain allows for additional aberration correction (but only in TMA focal plane):
 - Pointing control with a fine-steering mirror (FSM)
 - Fixed pupil plate corrector
 - Active control with a deformable mirror (DM)
- Heritage: WFIRST

TMA-DF Disadvantages

- Must balance aberrations between both focal planes
 - Requires a pupil corrector plate to recover image quality at TMA focus
- More difficult packaging configuration since both focal planes need to be accessible
 - May require more fold mirrors, reducing throughput in the TMA focus
- The Cassegrain focus is *very* narrow
 - Arcseconds instead of arcminutes

Ritchey-Chretien (RC)



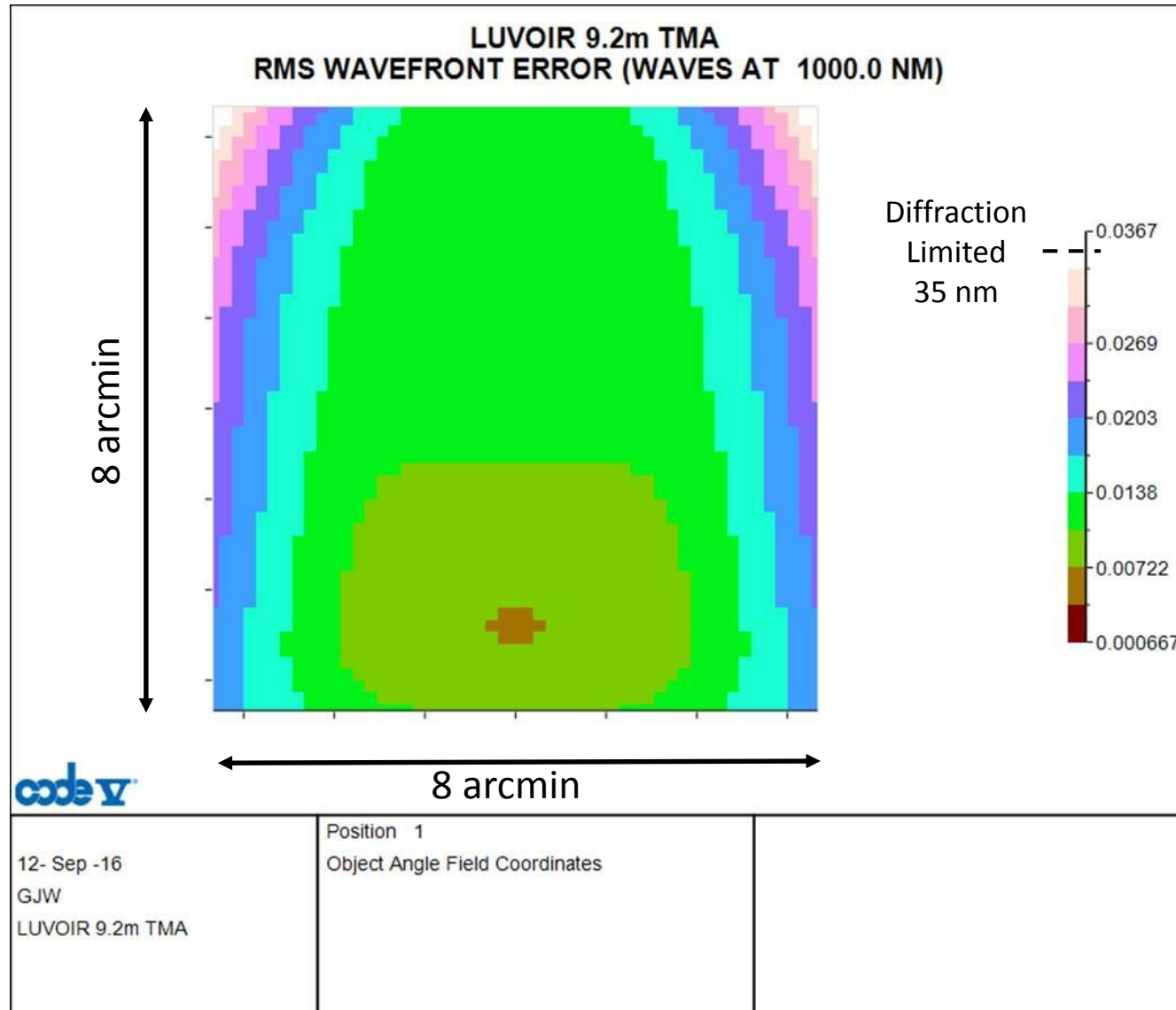
RC Advantages

- Single, high-throughput focal plane
 - Possible for every instrument to only see two bounces (though some fold mirrors will likely be necessary)
- Simplified optical train means less complicated alignment and testing
- Heritage: HST

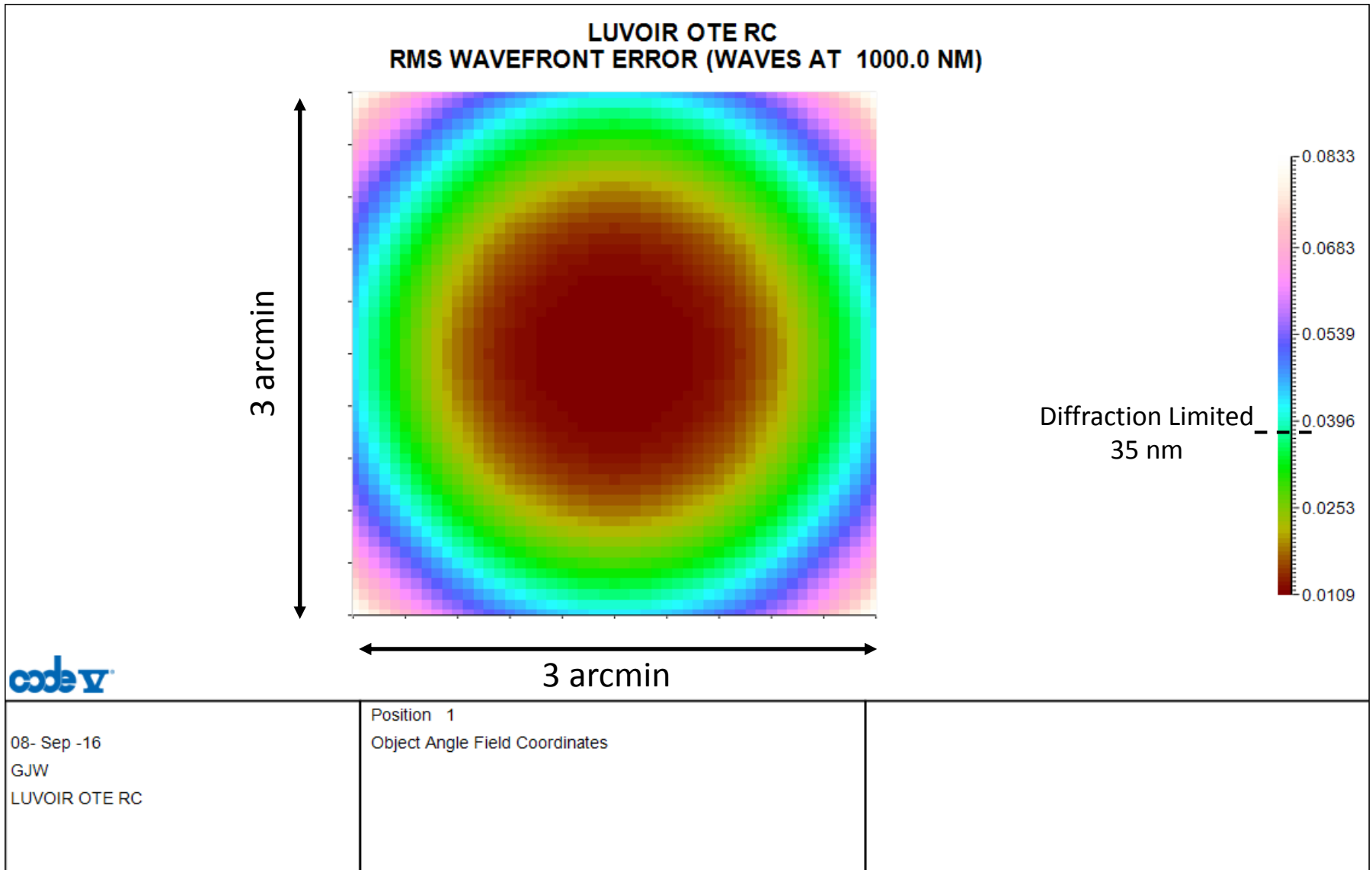
RC Disadvantages

- Narrower overall field-of-view than TMA designs
 - $\sim 3 \times 3$ arcmin diffraction-limited
 - Instruments outside of this field will need internal corrective optics
- A curved focal plane can help improve the image quality
 - May require some creativity in instrument packaging and design
- No access to internal pupil for a fine-steering mirror
 - Puts all pointing requirements on the spacecraft / disturbance isolation system

Field-of-View Map: 9.2 m TMA



Field-of-View Map: 12 m RC



On-axis vs. Off-axis

- All of these designs were presented as nominally on-axis
- Any of them could be made to be off-axis
- Off-axis advantages:
 - No-obscuration improves overall throughput and possibly coronagraph ease of design / performance
- Off-axis disadvantages:
 - Higher angles-of-incidence at PM & SM → Larger polarization effects
 - Generally increases aberration → Smaller well-corrected FOV
 - PM-to-SM distance increases → Impacts stability & packaging
 - Unclear how an off-axis segmented design could be packaged to fit inside of a fairing

Instrument Accommodations

- Each of the LUVOIR instruments may have a preference for one or more of these designs
- The following slides address each instrument separately and discuss the trades associated with each of the telescope designs
- Once all of the instrument performance specifications are in hand, the engineering team will design the telescope to optimize performance over all of the instruments

Vis/ NIR Coronagraph

- Only requires a small FOV (\sim arcsecs)
 - Could go in any focal plane of any design
- Cassegrain focus of the TMA-DF, and RC design are attractive for:
 - High throughput due to reduced number of reflections
 - Better wavefront stability with fewer optics in the path
- TMA focus is attractive for:
 - Access to a fine-steering mirror for better pointing control

UV Imager & Spectrograph

- TMA-SF design is least desirable
 - Lots of reflections reduce throughput, BUT
 - Allows for wide FOV, with stable pointing behind a FSM
- TMA-DF Cassegrain focus
 - Improves throughput with only two reflections, BUT
 - Extremely limited FOV, pointing must be provided by spacecraft
- Ritchey-Chretien is best overall
 - High throughput with only two bounces
 - Achievable $\sim 2 \times 2$ arcmin FOV
- Need to understand pointing stability requirements to determine if there is a need for a FSM

Vis / NIR Wide-field Imager

- Obviously wants to be at either of the TMA focal planes for wide field-of-view
- Would need internal corrective optics to work with the limited field-of-view of the Ritchey-Chretien
 - Needs additional study to determine what's achievable
- Need to understand pointing requirements of astrometry mode to determine if an FSM is necessary

Vis / NIR Multi-resolution Spectrograph

- Very narrow field-of-view
 - Could go in any focal plane of any design
- Need to understand requirements for radial velocity measurements to understand requirements on telescope

Summary Stoplight Chart

	TMA-SF	TMA-DF	RC
High-Throughput Channel	Red	Green	Green
Wide Field-of-View Channel	Green	Green	Yellow
Cassegrain Focus FOV	Red	Yellow	Green
Alignment Complexity	Yellow	Yellow	Green
Instrument Packaging Complexity	Yellow	Red	Green
Availability of Fine-Steering Mirror	Green	Yellow	Red
Angle-of-Incidence Impact on Polarization	Red	Yellow	Green

LUVOIR Launch Vehicle Fairing Telescope & Instrument Accommodation

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LUVOIR Telescope Accommodation

Telescope Aperture Diameter (m): **6** **9.2** **12** **16** **20**

Launch Vehicle

SLS Block 2B

50 k kg to L2 orbit
10 m fairing

Mass Margin **M**
Fairing Volume Margin **V**



SLS Block 1B

38 k kg to L2 orbit
8.4 m fairing

M
V



Delta IV Heavy

10 k kg to L2 orbit
5 m fairing

M
V



Feasible

Not Feasible

Needs Validation

LUVOIR Observatory

Instrument Accommodations

- LUVOIR should initially assume the observatory will accommodate four or more instruments
 - HST was launched with five instruments, JWST has four instruments
 - LUVOIR is consistent with this flagship-mission heritage
 - Study resources may limit number of instruments assessed in detail to three
- Concepts that assume an SLS launch vehicle with 8.4 m or 10 m dia. fairing can accommodate more than four instruments
 - SLS 8.4 m or 10 m concepts will be constrained by cost before mass to orbit or fairing volume constrains the number of instruments.
- Concepts that assume a launch vehicle with a 5 m dia. fairing (like Delta IV Heavy) might find accommodating four instruments challenging.
 - Current information is in such a formative state that there is no justification for not developing four-instrument concepts for these vehicles at this time.
 - Instrument accommodation studies can probe for instrument accommodations risks
 - Accommodation studies can also provide basis for mitigating and overcoming risks